

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, a democratic society relies on the knowledge and participation of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on February 21st we will observe Presidents' Day to honor all who served in our nation's highest elected office; and

WHEREAS, the National Governors Association advocates an involved, educated citizenry believing the study of history and geography increases civic involvement and deepens students' commitment to our great nation; and

WHEREAS, in drafting Idaho's constitution, our founding fathers recognized the important relationship between education and a knowledgeable citizenry in maintaining a democratic government; and

WHEREAS, school counselors, teachers, and other educators help students explore their potential and set realistic goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 20 through 26, 2005, to be

CIVIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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